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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: US EG IS
SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER BEGIN

REF: STATE 301458

1. HAVE BEEN TRYING ALL MORNING GET IN TOUCH WITH SADAT, BUT HE IS NOT AT HIS GIZA RESIDENCE. HIS AIDE HAS GIVEN ME NUMBER WHICH DOES NOT ANSWER. WHEN I CALLED BACK HIS AIDE, LATTER SAID HE WILL TRY TO CONTACT THE PRESIDENT TO LET HIM KNOW THAT I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM. WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS.

2. ONE POINT MENTIONED IN REF MESSAGE MAY BE EXPECTED ELICIT COMMENT FROM SADAT. HE WILL HAVE NO OBJECTION TO HEARING FROM PRIMIN BEGIN ABOUT LATTER'S TALKS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, BUT WILL ALSO EXPECT SOME KIND OF A DIRECT MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER ON THE TALKS. HE WILL BE VERY UNEASY IF ONLY BEGIN TELLS HIM ABOUT THE WASHINGTON TALKS.

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3. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THERE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE OF WHAT PURPORTS TO BE BEGIN PLAN. IT IS AROUSING CONSIDERABLE NEGATIVE COMMENT ON PART OF SENIOR EGYPTIANS, SEVERAL OF WHOM APPROCHED ME THIS MORNING AT EGYPTIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES TO EXPRESS CONCERN AND ASKED IF THIS IS INDEED THE PLAN. I HAVE TOLD ALL INTERLOCUTORS THAT WE HERE HAVE ALSO READ PRESS REPORTS, BUT HAVE SEEN

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NO AUTHORITATIVE VERSION OF THE BEGIN PLAN. I ASSUMED THAT THE PRIMIN WILL BE DISCUSSING IT WITH PRESIDENT SADAT WHEN THEY MEET.
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4. I AM SCHEDULED MEET WITH SADAT TOMORROW, MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, AT 1100 LOCAL (0900 GMT). I WILL BE TAKING CODEL TSONGAS/BONKER TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT, BUT WILL STAY BEHIND AFTERWARDS TO DISCUSS ANY OUTSTANDING MATTERS. IF THERE ARE ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS YOU WISH RAISED WITH HIM, PLEASE SEND INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO 0900 GMT. EILTS

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